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SUBJ: ILO - PLO REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS

REFERRED TO NOVEMBER GOVERNING BODY

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1. FOR TEXT ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1974, 10 A.M.

"INTERPRETATION FROM SPANISH: THE PRESIDENT --
I SHOULD LIKE TO INFORM THE CONFERENCE OF A REQUEST
RECEIVED FROM THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION
(PLO) TO PARTICIPATE -- AND I QUOTE -- 'AS AN OBSERVER
AT ALL THE CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION'. THIS REQUEST HAS
BEEN FORMALLY SUPPORTED BY A LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT
DELEGATE OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES IN GENEVA.

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IN ADDITION, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PLO HAS

PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUS AND OBJECTIVES OF HIS ORGANIZATION -- THE MAIN FEATURES OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

' THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE ILO IS TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY THE PALESTINIAN WORKERS, SAFEGUARDING THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS, VOICING ALL THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN EXPLAINING TO WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ORGANISATION, ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONTRIBUTING EFFECTIVELY AND POSITIVELY TO YOUR WORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ILO.'

FROM THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS ARE TO BE NOTED:

THE SEAT OF THE PALESTINAIAN LIBERATION ORGANISATION IS IN CAIRO. THE ORGANISATION HAS POLITICAL OR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN ABOUT 80 STATES.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WHOLE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HELD A NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN 1964 WHICH DECIDED TO ESTABLISH THE PALESTINAIAN LIBERATION ORGANISATION AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE WHO NUMBER SOME 3 MILLION, HALF OF THEM LIVING IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND THE OTHER HALF DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE NEIGHBOURING ARAB STATES.

IN 1973 THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED STATES APPROVED THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANISATION AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE. THE ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE HELD IN ALGIERS IN 1973 DECIDED THAT THE ORGANISATION WAS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANISATION IS ELECTED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL (THE PARLIAMENT IN EXILE) ONCE A YEAR. IN JUNE 1974 THE NATIONAL COUNCIL APPOINTED AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF 14 MEMBERS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE.

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SENDING ALL TRENDS AND MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER ON THE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRADE UNIONS.

THE ORGANISATION WAS ADMITTED TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE FOR THE REVISION OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS (ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS), HELD IN GENEVA IN 1974, AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER.

THE ORGANISATION HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN:

- THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION;
- THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION;
- THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION;
- THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS;
- THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

THE ORGANISATION IS INVITED BY SOME UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEES TO EXPRESS ITS ATTITUDES TOWARDS SOME ISSUES. THE ORGANISATION HAS A PERMANENT OFFICE AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK.

I SUBMITTED THE WHOLE PROBLEM RAISED BY THIS REQUEST TO THE OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE, WHO HAVE GIVEN IT VERY FULL CONSIDERATION. THE OFFICERS HEARD THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THEPLO AND OF THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES. WITH THE FULL CONCURRENCE OF THESE REPRESENTATIVES, THE OFFICERS HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THERE DOES NOT AT PRESENT EXIST ANY STANDING ORDERS BASIS FOR INVITATIONS TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

(B) THE DECISION TAKEN A YEAR AGO BY THE GOVERNING BODY REGARDING THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF THREE PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN AFRICA WAS VERY SPECIAL IN CHARACTER. IT FOLLOWED SPECIFIC RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THESE TERRITORIES ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE AS A RESULT OF WHICH A SPECIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNING BODY DELEGATION REACHED A NEGOTIATED RESOLUTION.

(C) IN THE INTERVENING YEAR FURTHER GENERAL DECISIONS DESIGNED TO EMBODY IN RELEVANT RULES AND REGULATIONS THE POSSIBILITY OF INVITING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNISED BY THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY OR THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES TO CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS, HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

(D) IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE OFFICERS OF THE CON

FERENCE WILL FORMALLY SEIZE THE OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE PROBLEM AND MAKE AVAILABLE THE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED, SO THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BODY MAY PUT THIS QUESTION ON THE

AGENDA OF THE NOVEMBER SESSION OF THE GOVERNING
BODY WITH A VIEW TO THE PREPARATION, ON THE REPORT
OF ITS STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE, OF AMENDMENTS TO
THE STANDING ORDERS, ANALOGOUS TO THOSE
DOPTED
ELSEWHERE, PERMITTING PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE
AND IN OTHER MEETINGS OF CONCERN TO THEM OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNISED
BY THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY OR BY THE
LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES.

I THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO BRING THE FOREGOING TO
THE ATTENTION OF THE CONFERENCE MYSELF." DALE

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